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By: Teresa Anderson
Name: Teresa AndersonDIVISIONAL APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b)

Mail Stop PATENT APPLICATION
 Commissioner for Patents
 P.O. Box 1450
 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This is a request for filing a divisional application under 37 CFR § 1.53(b) of Serial No. 09/575,348, filed on May 19, 2000 entitled BILLET FOR COLD FORGING, METHOD OF MANUFACTURING BILLET FOR COLD FORGING, METHOD OF CONTINUOUSLY COLD-FORGING BILLET, METHOD OF COLD-FORGING by the following inventor(s):

- Enclosed is the application; including the specification, claims, drawings, a signed oath or declaration from the prior application. The continuing application is as follows: 39 pages of specification, 4 claims, 1 page of abstract, 42 sheets of drawings, and 5 pages of oath or declaration.
- The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.
- Cancel original claims of this application before calculating the filing fee. (At least one original independent claim must be retained for filing purposes.)
- The filing fee is calculated below:

CLAIMS AS FILED

NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA		RATE	FEES
TOTAL CLAIMS: 4	-20	0	x \$18.00	0.00
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS 2	-3	0	x \$86.00	0.00
			BASIC FILING FEE:	\$770.00
			TOTAL FILING FEE:	770.00

Small entity status is claimed pursuant to 37 CFR 1.27.

4. Payment of fees:
 Attached is a check in the amount of \$770.00
 Please charge Deposit Account No. 13-2725.

5. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees as set forth in 37 CFR §§ 1.16 to 1.18 which may be required by this paper or credit any overpayment to Account No. 13-2725.

6. Amend the specification by inserting before the first line of the first page the paragraph:

"This application is a divisional of application Serial No. 09/575,348, filed May19, 2000, which application(s) are incorporated herein by reference."

7. A set of formal drawings (sheets) is enclosed.

8. Priority of eight applications, Serial No. 11-139568, filed on May 20, 1999 in Japan, Serial No. 11-139569, filed on May 20, 1999, Serial No. 11-139570, filed on May 20, 1999, Serial No. 11-173803, filed on June 21, 1999, Serial No. 11-173804, filed on June 21, 1999, Serial No. 11-173805, Filed on June 21, 1999, Serial No. 11-206351, filed July 21, 1999 and Serial No. 11-206352, filed on July 21, 1999, is claimed under 35 U.S.C. 119.
 The certified copies have been filed in prior application Serial No. 09/575,348, filed May19, 2000.

9. The prior application is assigned of record to Honda Giken Kogyo Kabushiki Kaisha located at 1-1 Minami-Aoyama 2-chome, Minato-ku, Tokyo Japan.

10. The Power of Attorney in the prior application is to:

Merchant & Gould P.C.
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11. A preliminary amendment is enclosed. (Claims added by this amendment have been properly numbered consecutively beginning with the number next following the highest numbered original claim in the prior application.)
 Fee for excess claims is attached.

12. A petition and fee has been filed to extend the term in the prior application until February 29, 2004. A copy of the petition for extension of time in the prior application is attached.

13. The inventor(s) in this application are less than those named in the prior application and it is requested that the following inventors identified above for the prior application be deleted:

14. A Nonpublication Request under 37 CFR 1.213(a) is enclosed.

15. Also Enclosed: Application Data Sheet, Information Disclosure Statement and Form 1449

16. Address all future communications to the **Attention of Curtis B. Hamre** (may only be completed by attorney or agent of record) at the address below.

17. A return postcard is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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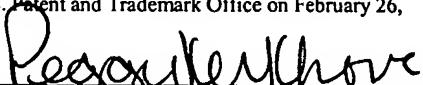
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CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 CFR 1.6(d):

I hereby certify that this paper is being transmitted by facsimile to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on February 26, 2004.

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

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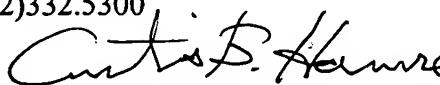
Dear Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that a three-month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action mailed August 29, 2003, said period of response being extended from November 29, 2003 to February 29, 2004.

Please charge Deposit Account No. 13-2725 for the amount of \$950 to cover the required extension fee for a large entity.

Respectfully submitted,

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